



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final

City Council

Wednesday, November 4, 2020

7:00 PM

Council Chambers

Public Comment Provisions during Covid: The meeting will be live streamed. The link to the meeting can be found on the city website with the agenda and legislation at <https://www.allentownpa.gov>. Council will receive comments on the legislation prior to the meeting and will consider all comments from city residents. All comments must include your name and address, including your city, and be emailed to Michael.Hanlon@AllentownPa.gov by 2 PM on the date of the meeting. Comments can also be registered using the ecomment provision on each agenda item found on the city website. Comments received from city residents by that deadline will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council members prior to the meeting and will also be noted at Courtesy of the Floor or Public Comment periods of the meeting. These timely received comments will also be posted on the City's webpage as a supporting document to the meeting. Any comments received on the meeting day, after the 2:00 pm deadline, will be forwarded to the Mayor and Council as soon as practicable. In addition, if you would like to speak during the meeting, please send your name, address, including municipality, and telephone number to the email address above indicating what issue you would like to speak on or call the office at 610.437.7555 and do the same, and you will be called during the meeting.

Invocation

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Courtesy of the Floor

Public Comment

Tyler Fatzinger, 512 North New Street Allentown

Good morning I wanted to reach out for this town hall meeting and put on record about my efforts being stopped at Fairview cemetery on Lehigh street. I feel the association is stonewalling my efforts and coming up with excuses like I now need permits to cut grass. This is purely an attempt by the association to stop the public from seeing what is going on in the cemetery as I have been cutting grass for over a year now. If you could please read for the record what is below but share this entire message to the board and the mayor.

I wanted to bring this to the mayor's attention and city council that as of this past Saturday Fairview cemetery president has told me to cease all trimming work of weeds and mowing along with cleaning tomb stones. I hope that the history of the cemetery can be preserved before it is eroded away. This is a major loss for Allentown and its fellow citizens because of the amount of history in this cemetery rivals any other in Allentown. I hope that Allentown and its residents can hold the association to a standard and not allow such blight to continue in the cemetery.

Please observe the Rules of Council when addressing the body. A full copy of Council Rules can be found on the city website or by email if you contact Council office.

There are multiple opportunities to address Council. Individuals can speak during Courtesy of the Floor (addressing items not on the agenda) and during Bills and Resolutions on Final Passage and Introduction. When given the Floor, please go to the podium and state your name and address. All remarks must be directed towards the presiding officer or council as a body; not a particular Council member or elected official, the audience or city staff. Unless otherwise determined, individuals shall have three minutes to address council and individuals representing a bona-fide group shall have five minutes. Privilege of the Floor will not be extended for personal insults or personal attacks on any individual, name calling or other behavior that is inconsistent with the purpose and intent of conducting official business. Please address council as a body. Refrain from using offensive language, cursing and making noises while other people are speaking. Act with decorum. Remove your hat and turn cell phones off.

(Council Speaking Rules: Members and others given the privilege of the floor will address the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer will extend the courtesy to the Councilperson(s) responsible for introducing legislation the opportunity to speak first. Each member will have the right to speak twice on any subject. No Member will be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Presiding Officer. No Member will speak more than three (3) times on the question without the unanimous consent of all the Members present.

Approval of Minutes:

August 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [August 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes](#)

Old Business

Communications

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES:**Budget and Finance: Chair Siegel, Guridy, Mota**

The committee has not met since the last council meeting; agenda items are being worked in during the special budget meetings.

CEDC: Chair Guridy, Gerlach, Affa

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Human Resources, Administration and Appointments: Chair Gerlach, Mota, Zucal

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Parks and Recreation: Chair Mota, Gerlach, Siegel

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Public Safety: Chair Affa, Hendricks, Zucal

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Public Works: Chair Zucal, Affa, Siegel

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Rules, Chambers, Intergovernmental Relations and Strategy: Chair Hendricks, Guridy, Gerlach

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Controllers Report**Administration Report**

Controller Materials

Attachments: [August Bank Recon](#)
[P Card Review](#)
[Petty Cash Count - Law](#)
[Cash Count - Golf Course](#)
[Cash Count - Audit and Enforcement](#)
[Jacks Slice](#)

APPOINTMENTS:

Louis Holzman, Human Relations Commission, 01/05/2022

Attachments: [Louis Holzman - Human Relations Commission](#)

Hugh J. Gallagher, Recreation Board, 10/22/2023 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [Hugh J. Gallagher, Recreation Board](#)

Louis J. Stalsitz, Recreation Board, 02/20/2025 (Reappointment)

Attachments: [Louis J. Stalsitz, Recreation Board](#)

Ricardo Ortiz, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, 01/24/2023

Attachments: [Ricardo Ortiz, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals](#)

Chief Glenn Granitz, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals, 06/01/2021

Attachments: [Chief Glenn Granitz, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals](#)

ORDINANCES FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

Bill 81 Special Meeting, discussed this evening
Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Forty-Five Thousand Four-Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$45,454.55) as a result from a grant from FEMA US Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase a SCBA (Self-contained breathing apparatus) Air Compressor and Cascade Fill System.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 81 FEMA Fire Grant](#)

Bill 82 Special Meeting, this evening
Amending the 2020 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Thirteen Thousand Five-Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$13,563.39) from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Office of The State Fire Commissioner Grant, to the Allentown Fire Department to purchase two RIT-PAK respiratory protection units.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 82 Fire Grant](#)

Bill 83 Special Meeting, this evening
Amending the 2020 Grant Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six (\$112,846) Dollars as a pass through grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account Grant for Casa Guadalupe for capital improvements (new roof) to their building.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 83 Pass Through Grant for Casa Guadalupe](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR FINAL PASSAGE (To be Voted On):

R130 Special Meeting, discussed this evening
Sale of 2955 Ithaca Street

Attachments: [R130 Sale of 2955 Ithaca Street](#)

R132
Authorizes Grant Application to the PennDOT for Eight Hundred Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$830,750) to support the 15th Street Corridor Lighting Project and Extension.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [R132 Grant Application for 15 St Lights](#)

R133
Transfer Approval: \$40,000 in Parks for Funds for roof repair for stand at Alton Park.

Attachments: [R133 Parks Transfer Repair Roof Alton Park Building](#)

[R133 Roof Repair at Alton Park](#)

R134
Sewage Planning Module for Valania Park – 531 W. Union Street

Attachments: [R134 Valania Park - Sewage Planning Module](#)

[Valania Park Sewer Planning Module](#)

[Valania Park Sewer Planning utility plan](#)

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION (To be referred to Committee with public comment prior to referral)

Bill 86 Refer to Public Works
Providing for the vacation of Mulberry Street from the centerline of North Railroad Street to the unopened alley known as Limestone Street in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown:

Attachments: Bill 86 Mulberry Street - Street Vacation

Mulberry Street Vacation Report

Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Mulberry St from N. Railroad St to N. Limestr

Mulberry St from N Railroad St to N Limstrone St ACPC Approval Letter

Bill 87 Refer to Public Safety
Amending Part 15, Fire Prevention Code, by adding Article 1504, Recovery of Fire and Rescue Service Costs and Article Nine, Section 398 Fire Fees, adding section 398.03 Recovery of Fire and Rescue Services Costs, and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 87 Fire Service Cost Recovery Ordinance](#)

Bill 88 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) as a result of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Jordan Creek Greenway Trail construction.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 88 Jordan Creek Greenway Grant](#)

Bill 89 Refer to Parks and Recreation

Amending the 2020 Capital Fund Budget and the 2020 General Fund by transferring Thirteen Thousand Six-Hundred Fifty-Eight (\$13,658) Dollars from the Aquatics program in the Department of Parks and Recreation, of the General Fund to Capital Project 2206 – Jordan Creek Greenway Trail.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 89 Jordan Creek Greenway Trail Transfer](#)

RESOLUTIONS FOR INTRODUCTION (Can be voted on or Referred to Committee):

NEW BUSINESS

GOOD AND WELFARE

ADJOURN

Council meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm in Council Chambers. For copies of the agenda or meeting announcements, please visit our website at www.allentownpa.gov or contact the Clerk at Michael.Hanlon@allentownpa.gov to receive an email notice of the meetings.